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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry

Under 35 USC § 371 from

the International Application of

CORZANI, Italo et al.

Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/20926

Filed in the RO/US on 07 September 1999

Entitled: Textile Articles Or Clothing Having Super Hydrophobic
Coating

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A textile article is characterized in that at least part of the surface of said article is surface treated with a coating and said coating renders a plane and smooth treated surface to have a static water contact angle (WCA) higher than about 120°.

3. (Amended) A textile article according to claim 2 characterized in that said coating exhibits a fluorine/carbon ratio (F/C) of between about 1.50 and about 2.00.

4. (Amended) A textile article according to claim 1 which article is water vapour permeable.

6. (Amended) A textile article according to claim 1 wherein said article is a sun roof for a car or a sun blind or awning.

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